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1. IN HIS DECEMBER 24 ADDRESS AT IDD EL HAJJ CEREMONIES, NORMALLY A LARGELY RELIGIOUS AND CEREMONIAL AFFAIR HERE, FIRST VP ABOUD JUMBE MADE A LENGTHY ADDRESS COVERING RANGE OF POLITICAL TOPICS, BUT FOCUSING MAINLY ON CHARGES, MADE BY UGANDA'S GEN. AMIN EARLY IN DECEMBER WHILE JUMBE WAS LEADING TANZANIAN DELEGATION ON MIDDLE EAST STATE VISIT, THAT JUMBE AND FOREIGN MINISTER JOHN MALECELA WERE "AGENTS OF ZIONISTS AND AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS". JUMBE'S RESPONSE TO THESE CHARGES WAS AFFIRMATION OF TANZANIA'S INDEPENDENT, NON-ALIGNED POSTURE AND A SLASHING PERSONAL ATTACK ON AMIN.

2. JUMBE BEGAN SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF ADDRESS BY IDENTIFYING ZANZIBAR'S AND TANZANIA'S MOST PRESSING PROBLEMS WITH THOSE FACED BY LDCS GENERALLY: FOOD SHORTAGES AND RISING IMPORT PRICES, AND OUTLINED BRIEFLY STEPS ZANZIBAR HAD TAKEN AND WAS TAKING TO MEET BOTH THREATS. THESE INCLUDED ZANZIBAR'S RECENT AGRICULTURAL DECREE (REF A) WHICH, HE SAID, WAS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE

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AND NEEDED WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT OF ALL ZANZIBARIS. ALTHOUGH

INCREASED PRICES IMPOSED BY OIL-PRODUCING NATIONS HAD CAUSED TANZANIA AND OTHER LDCS PROBLEMS, HE SAID, THE ARABS WERE JUSTIFIED IN USING THIS WEAPON. THEIR SUCCESS IN DOING SO SHOULD PROVIDE AN EXAMPLE TO OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE VALUE OF ADOPTING JOINT POLICIES AND CARRYING THEM OUT IN UNIFIED MANNER. AFRICA, HE SAID, HAD ALREADY PROVEN EFFECTIVENESS OF UNITY BY THE INDEPENDENCE OF GUINEA-BISSAU AND OTHER RECENT CHANGES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, BUT MORE NEEDED TO BE DONE.

3. IT WAS AT THIS POINT THAT JUMBE TOOK ON AMIN. READING AT LENGTH FROM AMIN'S OWN STATEMENT, REPEATING PHRASES FOR DERISIVE EMPHASIS, JUMBE AFFIRMED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE RECENT MIDDLE EAST VISIT HAD BEEN TO STRENGTHEN THE UNITY BETWEEN TANZANIA AND THE ARAB WORLD. IN ACCUSING HIM OF SERVING THE PURPOSES OF THE "ISRAELIS AND THE AMERICANS", JUMBE SAID, AMIN HAD NOT ONLY ATTACKED HIM PERSONALLY WITHOUT A SHRED OF JUSTIFICATION BUT HAD ALSO UNDERMINED EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THAT UNITY. NEITHER HE NOR TANZANIA WERE PUPPETS "OF THE ISRAELIS, THE AMERICANS OF ANY OTHER COUNTRY". HAVING MADE SUCH STATEMENTS,

AMIN MUST NOW PROVIDE EVIDENCE TO BACK THEM UP. BOTH HE AND AMIN ARE MUSLIMS, JUMBE SAID, AND BOTH WOULD BE JUDGED BEFORE GOD BY THEIR ACTS AND STATEMENTS: HE PERSONALLY WAS READY FOR JUDGEMENT AT ANY TIME.

4. LATER IN SPEECH, JUMBE, STILL VISIBLY AGITATED, REITERATED THAT HE WAS THE PUPPET OF NEITHER THE ISRAELIS NOR THE AMERICANS, THIS TIME LEAVING OUT THE MORE GENERAL DISCLAIMER. EVEN THOUGH PURPOSE OF STATEMENT WAS TO AFFIRM TANZANIA'S INDEPENDENCE BY WAY OF REFUTING AMIN'S SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS, NO OTHER COUNTRIES MENTIONED BY NAME. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NOTHING IN SPEECH TO WHICH WE COULD PROPERLY OBJECT,

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN HELPFUL IF JUMBE'S PROTESTATIONS OF INDEPENDENCE HAD BEEN COUCHED IN MORE GENERAL TERMS.

5. AT RECEPTION FOLLOWING BARAZA, I HAD BRIEF AND CORDIAL EXCHANGE WITH JUMBE WHO, STILL PREOCCUPIED WITH SUBJECT OF AMIN, TWIRLED HIS FINGER BESIDE HIS HEAD AND SAID "THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG THERE." IF THERE WERE ANY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REMAINING DOUBT, MORE EXTENDED CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER OFFICIALS CONFIRMED THAT AMIN'S ATTACK ON TANZANIAN DELEGATION HAD BEEN TAKEN VERY PERSONALLY INDEED BY JUMBE AND THAT HE HAD BEEN BROODING ABOUT SUBJECT SINCE HIS RETURN. FACT THAT HE CHOSE BARAZA RATHER THAN ARRIVAL PRESS CONFERENCE AT AIRPORT TO COUNTERATTACK INDICATES IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO MATTER. MACFARLANE

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